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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*) (E/2009/2/Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2)

International Narcotics Control Board
(E/2009/9/Add.10, E/2009/9/Add.12, E/2009/9/Add.13 and E/2009/9/Add.18)

1. **The President** drew attention to document E/2009/9/Add.13 containing information on the candidates nominated by the World Health Organization. Since there were three candidates and only one seat, she invited the Council to elect one of them by secret ballot as a member of the International Narcotics Control Board for a five-year term beginning on 2 March 2010.

2. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Dah (Côte d'Ivoire) and Mr. Palavicini-Guédez (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) acted as tellers.*

3. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	51
Number of valid ballots:	51
Number of members voting:	51
Required majority:	26
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Rajat Ray (India)	25
Ms. Soyannwo (Nigeria)	18
Mr. Gallardo (Chile)	8

4. *No candidate having obtained the required majority, a second vote was taken by secret ballot, restricted to the two candidates who had received the largest number of votes.*

5. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Maboundou (Congo) and Mr. Dugan (United States of America) acted as tellers.*

Number of ballot papers:	51
Number of valid ballots:	51
Number of members voting:	51
Required majority:	26
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Ray (India)	30
Ms. Soyannwo (Nigeria)	21

6. *Mr. Ray (India) was elected a member of the International Narcotics Control Board.*

7. **The President** drew attention to the list of candidates nominated by governments contained in document E/2009/9/Add.10 and the biographical information in document E/2009/9/Add.12, and invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, five members to the International Narcotics Control Board for a five-year term of office, beginning on 2 March 2010. The candidacy of Mr. Chandra Verma had been withdrawn by the Government of India.

8. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Velichko (Belarus) and Mr. Mohamed (Iraq) acted as tellers.*

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	51
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	50
Number of members voting:	50
Required majority:	26
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Moinard (France)	43
Mr. Sumyai (Thailand)	32
Ms. Dmitrieva (Russian Federation)	27
Mr. Uribe Granja (Colombia)	26
Mr. Naidoo (South Africa)	23
Mr. Sieroslawski (Poland)	18
Mr. Pompey (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)	15
Mr. Sarsilmaz (Turkey)	15
Mr. Mørland (Norway)	12
Mr. Egnakou (Côte d'Ivoire)	10
Mr. Kamil Kalina (Czech Republic)	8
Mr. Eduardo Kalina (Argentina)	4
Ms. Llerena (Argentina)	4
Mr. Thapa (Nepal)	4
Mr. Le Gollee (Chad)	3
Ms. Petrusevska (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	1
Mr. Zhariev (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	0

9. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Dmitrieva (Russian Federation), Mr. Moinard (France), Mr. Sumyai (Thailand),and Mr. Uribe Granja (Colombia) were elected members of the International Narcotics Control Board.*

10. *No other candidate having obtained the required majority, a second vote was taken by secret ballot, restricted to the two candidates who had received the next highest number of votes.*

11. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Velichko (Belarus) and Mr. Mohamed (Iraq) again acted as tellers.*

Number of ballot papers:	52
Number of valid ballots:	52
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	51
Required majority:	26
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Naidoo (South Africa)	32
Mr. Sieroslawski (Poland)	19

12. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Naidoo (South Africa) was elected a member of the International Narcotics Control Board.*

Statistical Commission (E/2009/9/Add.1)

13. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

14. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Botswana, Cameroon and Morocco had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Colombia had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Australia, Italy and Norway had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

15. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

16. *It was so decided.*

17. *Australia, Botswana, Cameroon, Colombia, Italy, Morocco, Norway and the Russian Federation were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

Commission on Population and Development (E/2009/9/Add.1)

18. **The President** invited the Council to elect 16 members to the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting, held in 2010, of the Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2014.

19. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola, Ghana, Malawi and Senegal had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, India, Malaysia and the Philippines had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Hungary and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Guatemala, Jamaica and Saint Lucia had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Luxembourg and the United Kingdom were the candidates from the Group of Western European and Other States.

20. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

21. *It was so decided.*

22. *Angola, China, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malawi, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development.*

23. **The President** invited the Council to elect a member of the Group of Asian States to the Commission on Population and Development to fill an outstanding vacancy for a term beginning on the date of the election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-sixth session in 2013.

24. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Indonesia had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States.

25. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidate proposed.

26. *It was so decided.*

27. *Indonesia was elected a member of the Commission on Population and Development.*

28. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission on Population and Development, she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and Other States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of its forty-seventh session in 2014.

29. *It was so decided.*

Commission on the Status of Women (E/2009/9/Add.1)

30. **The President** invited the Council to elect 13 members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2010, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2014.

31. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Central African Republic, Comoros, Gambia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Swaziland had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines and Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; and Argentina, El Salvador and Uruguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

32. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

33. *It was so decided.*

34. *Argentina, Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Comoros, El Salvador, the Gambia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Swaziland and Uruguay were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2009/9/Add.1)

35. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

36. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Swaziland had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar and Saudi Arabia had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus, Romania and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile and Colombia had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Australia, Belgium, Canada, France and the United Kingdom had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

37. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

38. *It was so decided.*

39. *Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Ghana, India, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Romania, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Swaziland and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.*

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/2009/9/Add.1)

40. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

41. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola, Benin, Cameroon and Nigeria had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus and Ukraine had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Canada, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

42. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

43. *It was so decided.*

44. *Angola, Argentina, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the*

United States of America were elected members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Commission on Sustainable Development
(E/2009/9/Add.1)

45. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members to the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting of the Commission's nineteenth session, in 2010, and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-first session, in 2013.

46. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Algeria, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia and Thailand had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus and Latvia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; the Bahamas, Panama and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Denmark, France, the Netherlands and Norway had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

47. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

48. *It was so decided.*

49. *Algeria, the Bahamas, Belarus, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, France, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Peru, Thailand and Togo were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.*

50. **The President** invited the Council to elect two members from the Group of Western European and Other States to the Commission on Sustainable Development to fill two outstanding vacancies, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's twentieth session, in 2012.

51. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Luxembourg and the United Kingdom had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

52. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

53. *It was so decided.*

54. *Luxembourg and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.*

Committee for Programme and Coordination
(E/2009/9/Add.2)

55. **The President** invited the Council to nominate seven members for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

56. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Comoros and Namibia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Israel was the non-endorsed candidate from the Group of Western European and Other States.

57. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to nominate the candidates proposed.

58. *It was so decided.*

59. *The Comoros, Namibia, the Russian Federation and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

60. **The President** invited the Council to take action on one of the outstanding vacancies remaining from previous elections to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

61. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Israel had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

62. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to nominate the candidate proposed for election by the General Assembly for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009.

63. *It was so decided.*

64. *Israel was nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

65. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Committee for Programme and Coordination, she took it that the Council wished to postpone the nomination of one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and Other States for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

66. *It was so decided.*

67. **The President** recalled that there were three outstanding vacancies on the Committee for Programme and Coordination from the Group of Western European and Other States, for a term expiring on 31 December 2011.

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
(E/2009/9/Add.14 and Add.15)

68. **The President** drew attention to documents E/2009/9/Add.14 and Add.15 regarding an application from Kenya for full membership on the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, including its two Subcommittees, and an application from the Republic of Korea for full membership on the Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. She took it that the Council wished to endorse the Secretary-General's decision to approve the applications of Kenya and the Republic of Korea.

69. *It was so decided.*

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting
(E/2009/9/Add.3)

70. **The President** invited the Council to elect 13 members to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

71. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Benin, Cameroon, Egypt and the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Brazil had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

72. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

73. *It was so decided.*

74. *Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt and the United Republic of Tanzania were elected members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.*

75. **The President** invited the Council to take action on one of the outstanding vacancies remaining from previous elections to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.

76. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Namibia had been endorsed by the Group of African States.

77. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidate proposed for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2011.

78. *It was so decided.*

79. *Namibia was elected a member of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.*

80. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of four members from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of Eastern European States and two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

81. *It was so decided.*

82. **The President** said she further took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of three members from the Group of Asian States and two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009, and the election of one member from the Group of African States, three members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and six members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2011.

83. *It was so decided.*

Committee for Development Policy

84. **The President** drew attention to the annotation in the Council's provisional agenda regarding the deferral of action on the appointment of 24 experts to the Committee for Development Policy until information on the nominees proposed by the Secretary-General was made available to the Council.

Committee of Experts on Public Administration (E/2009/9/Add.11 and Add.16)

85. **The President** invited the Council to consider the appointment of 24 members of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, information about whom could be found in documents E/2009/9/Add.11 and E/2009/9/Add.16. She took it that the Council wished to approve the nomination by the Secretary-General of the 24 experts and agreed to appoint them to the Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

86. *It was so decided.*

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

87. **The President** drew attention to the annotation in the Council's provisional agenda regarding the appointment of 25 experts to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. The list of experts appointed by the Secretary-General would be available to the Council at its substantive session in July 2009.

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2009/9/Add.4)

88. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

89. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cape Verde, the Congo, Malawi, Somalia and Tunisia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Qatar had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; El Salvador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Denmark, France, Ireland and Luxembourg had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

90. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

91. *It was so decided.*

92. *Belarus, Cape Verde, the Congo, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Malawi, Pakistan, Qatar, Somalia and Tunisia were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

93. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Finland, Japan and the Netherlands were resigning their seats on the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, effective 1 January 2010. New Zealand and the United Kingdom, respectively, had been endorsed to complete the terms of office of Japan and the Netherlands, which were due to expire on 31 December 2010, and Iceland had been endorsed to complete Finland's term of office, which was due to expire on 31 December 2011. She took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Iceland, New Zealand and the United Kingdom to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for the aforementioned terms of office.

94. *It was so decided.*

95. *Iceland, New Zealand and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

96. **The President** drew attention to resolution 63/146 of 18 December 2008, by which the General Assembly had decided to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 76 to 78 States and requested the Council to elect the additional members. Accordingly, she invited the Council to elect two States to fill the new seats.

97. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the candidates were Djibouti and the Republic of Moldova.

98. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

99. *It was so decided.*

100. *Djibouti and the Republic of Moldova were elected members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund
(E/2009/9/Add.5)

101. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

102. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and South Africa had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Pakistan and Qatar had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Slovenia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Antigua and Barbuda had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France, Japan, the Netherlands and Spain had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

103. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

104. *It was so decided.*

105. *Antigua and Barbuda, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Qatar, Rwanda, Slovenia, South Africa and Spain were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

106. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Germany, New Zealand, Norway and Turkey were resigning their seats on the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, effective 1 January 2010. Canada and Switzerland had been endorsed to complete the terms of office of New Zealand and Turkey, respectively, which were due to expire on 31 December 2010; Belgium and Sweden had been endorsed to complete the terms of office of Germany and Norway, respectively, which were due to expire on 31 December 2011. She took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Belgium, Canada, Sweden and Switzerland to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund for the aforementioned terms of office.

107. *It was so decided.*

108. *Belgium, Canada, Sweden and Switzerland were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme
(E/2009/9/Add.6)

109. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

110. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burkina Faso had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and India and Iran (Islamic Republic of) were the non-endorsed candidates from the Group of Asian States.

111. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

112. *It was so decided.*

113. *Burkina Faso, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and the Russian Federation were elected members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.*

114. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

115. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2009/9/Add.7)

116. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members to the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

117. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Honduras and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, were the endorsed and non-endorsed candidates respectively, from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

118. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies for that group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

119. *It was so decided.*

120. *Honduras and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were elected members of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.*

121. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from the Group of African States, two members from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of Eastern European States and two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

122. *It was so decided.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award (E/2009/9/Add.8)

123. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

124. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Guatemala and Jamaica had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and that the United Republic of Tanzania was the non-endorsed candidate from the Group of African States.

125. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, she took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

126. *It was so decided.*

127. *Guatemala, Jamaica and the United Republic of Tanzania were elected members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.*

128. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from the Group of African States, two members from the Group of Asian States, one member from the Group of Eastern European States, one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

129. *It was so decided.*

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/2009/9/Add.9)

130. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members to the Programme Coordinating Board of the

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

131. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Botswana had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Poland had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; El Salvador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

132. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, she took it that the Council wished to nominate the candidates proposed.

133. *It was so decided.*

134. *Botswana, El Salvador, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.*

135. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Switzerland and Denmark were resigning their seats on the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS with effect from 1 January 2010 and 1 January 2011, respectively. Sweden had been endorsed to complete Switzerland's term of office, which was due to expire on 31 December 2009, and Finland had been endorsed to complete Denmark's term of office, which was due to expire on 31 December 2011. She took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Sweden and Finland to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS for the aforementioned terms of office.

136. *It was so decided.*

137. *Sweden and Finland were elected members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.*

138. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States and one member from the Group of Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.

139. *It was so decided.*

Commission for Social Development

140. **The President** invited the Council to elect members to the Commission for Social Development to fill two of three outstanding vacancies from previous elections for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013.

141. **Ms. De Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Brazil and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

142. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect Brazil and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) by acclamation.

143. *It was so decided.*

144. *Brazil and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) were elected members of the Commission for Social Development.*

145. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Denmark had resigned its seat on the Commission for Social Development upon the conclusion of the Commission's forty-seventh session.

146. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Sweden had been endorsed to complete Denmark's term of office.

147. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect Sweden to replace Denmark on the Commission for Social Development for a term of office beginning immediately and expiring at the conclusion of the Commission's fifty-first session.

148. *It was so decided.*

149. *Sweden was elected to replace Denmark on the Commission for Social Development.*

150. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission for Social Development, she took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of one member from the Group of Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013.

151. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

152. **The President** invited the Council to elect a member to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

153. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Portugal had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

154. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect Portugal by acclamation to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for a term beginning on the date of the election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013.

155. *It was so decided.*

156. *Portugal was elected member of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.*

157. **The President** reminded the Council that there was still one additional vacancy on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to be filled by the Group of Eastern European States.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

158. **The President** invited the Council to consider the outstanding vacancies on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

159. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Côte d'Ivoire had been endorsed by the Group of African States and Cuba had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

160. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect Côte d'Ivoire and Cuba by acclamation to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for a term beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 2012.

161. *It was so decided.*

162. *Côte d'Ivoire and Cuba were elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.*

163. **The President** said that, as there were no other candidatures for the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, she took it that the Council agreed to further postpone the election of the following five members: two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2011; one member from the Group of Asian States and two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012.

164. *It was so decided.*

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*)

Inclusion of a supplementary sub-item in the agenda of the substantive session of 2009 (E/2009/11 and E/2009/64; E/2009/L.7)

165. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision contained in document E/2009/L.7. At the Council's meeting on 26 March 2009, the Council had had before it document E/2009/11 containing a proposal for the inclusion of a sub-item entitled "Rehabilitation of the marshes in the southern regions of Iraq" and she understood that informal consultations had been held on that subject on 14 May.

166. **Mr. Janoušek** (Observer for the Czech Republic), speaking on behalf of the European Union, welcomed the progress made with respect to the restoration of the marshlands but understood that much still remained to be done. Some European Union member States were supporting the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) programme in that regard.

167. The proposed supplementary sub-item entitled "Rehabilitation of the marshes in the southern regions of Iraq" was predominantly a country-specific issue which could be more appropriately taken up by the UNEP Governing Council or as a side event of the Council's session. The European Union was concerned that adding a sub-item to the agenda could create a precedent. If the sub-item was included for the 2009 session, it should be for that session only and not become a permanent item.

168. **Mr. Al Bayati** (Iraq) said that the Iraqi marshlands formed a unique environmental ecosystem that had existed since the time of the Sumerian civilization. Despite their importance for the region,

the previous regime had used the marshlands for military purposes during and after the invasion of Kuwait and had displaced many families from the area. Since the fall of that regime, many European and Asian countries, including Japan, had helped to restore the marshlands, but more support was needed from the international community. The drought over the past three years had forced many more families out of the marshlands and it could take two to three years to restore the area. He would appreciate it if the European Union could review its position and the Council could adopt the resolution.

169. **The President** said she took it that the Council decided to include in the provisional agenda of the substantive session of 2009 of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 13 (a), entitled "Economic and environmental questions: sustainable development", a supplementary sub-item entitled "Rehabilitation of the marshes in the southern regions of Iraq".

170. *It was so decided.*

171. **The President** noted that a number of recommendations relating to the Council had been made in a paper on the governance of operational activities prepared by the Secretary-General in the context of the General Assembly's consultations on the coherence of the United Nations system. She was prepared to organize an exchange of views on that subject if members so wished.

The meeting rose at 12.05 pm.